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ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 11th , 2017

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, May 11th, 2017** in the Erie County Department of Planning, 150 East Front Street – Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC Members	Representing/ Council District	Municipality:
Matt Waldinger	1	Millcreek
Charles Casey	3	City of Erie
Flory Kondzielski	6	Waterford Township
Paul Pangratz	7	Girard Township
Pat Pfadt	ECATO	Venango Township
Will Rogers	ECAB	North East Borough
Bill Kuhn	Alt #1	Platea Borough
Amanda Bair	Alt #3	Fairview Township
Planning Department Staff		
Katherine Wyrosdick	Director	
Guests	NONE	

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Will Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Mr. Casey led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Approval of the March 9th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Charles Casey moved to approve as submitted. Matt Waldinger seconded the motion. 6 yes/0 no. Motion carried

III. New Business

A. New Commissioner Introductions. Passed on this item since there were no new members present

B. Overview of Cultural Heritage Plan

K Wyrosdick gave an overview of the draft Cultural Heritage Plan. Copies of the draft were handed out to Commissioners in preparation for their June 8th meeting. The plan is open for public comment now and will be considered by the Commission as an amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan on June 8th.

Web meeting Monday, May 15th with steering committee to provide comments on the draft to the consultant

C. MS4 Project

K Wyrosdick announced that the Planning Department received 2 grants totaling \$100,000 which will allow the Department to work with MS4 communities over the next 2 years. Mapping, public education and outreach and grant assistance are some of the ways that the Department will support the MS4 municipalities.

Will Rogers mentioned that at the PSAB conference MS4 was a big topic of discussion and legislatures are working to find ways to allow municipalities to assess fees rather than authorities.

IV. Hearing of the Public - None

V. Communications

A. Planning Director's Report

i) Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan – Proposals due on May 12th

K Wyrosdick gave an overview of the upcoming update to the County Greenways Plan now called the Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan. Proposals are due on May 12th and the County will work over the next 18 months to prepare the countywide plan. The newly formed Planning Commission will be involved in the development of this plan. Work will begin when Amy Murdock returns from maternity leave in July.

Commission members noted that the past planning effort was controversial due to a trail concern and perceived increase in criminal activity. There was also no real direction on how best to implement the plan. This time, the outcome will be different since the plan will follow an implementable comprehensive plan format with real priorities and achievable outcomes.

ii) Municipal Comprehensive Plan projects – Millcreek and Summit Townships

K. Wyrosdick reported that Millcreek and Summit Townships have each hired consultants to assist with development of their comprehensive plans. Again these plans will also follow an implementable plan format. Millcreek spent about 8 months developing their priorities prior to advertising for a consultant.

Matt Waldinger described the efforts that they have taken to understand their community issues and a public survey helped in the early stages of the process.

B. Commissioner Reports – None.

VI. Old Business

K Wyrosdick said she will follow up with the County Solicitor on Mr. Casey's concern regarding the adoption of the new bylaws last year.

VII. Public Comments or Questions from the Commission - None

VIII. Adjournment – Mr. Casey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM and 2nd by Paul Pangratz. 6 yes/0 no